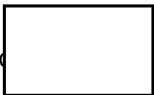


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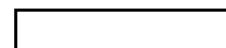
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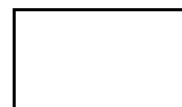
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MISSION PROPOSAL

NUMBER	<u>C325C</u>	
LAUNCH DATE/TIME	<u>28/0001Z</u>	
TOTAL DISTANCE	<u>1085NM</u>	
TOTAL TIME/DENIED TERRITORY TIME	<u>2+51/1+32</u>	
PENETRATION ALTITUDE	<u>69M</u>	
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FUEL RESERVE	<u>150 Gal.</u>	
SPECIAL EQUIPMENT	<u>Systems 6, 9B, 12B</u>	
	<u>13, "B" Configuration</u>	
	<u>and Oscar Sierra</u>	

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VULNERABILITY ESTIMATE FOR MISSION C325C

CONCLUSION:

There are no known surface-to-air missile defenses in South China capable of interfering with Mission C325C. The risk of a successful U-2 intercept by a MIG-21 on this mission is less than 12%.

GENERAL:

The MIG-15, 17, and 19 do not present a threat to the U-2 at 70,000 feet. Of these three fighter types, none can cruise supersonic. The MIG-19 can exceed Mach 1, perform a dynamic climb to approximately 62,000 feet and cruise subsonic, steady state at 59,000 plus or minus 1000 feet. The MIG-19 does not have sufficient power to perform an effective ZOOM maneuver.

The MIG-21 has the capability of intercepting the U-2 at 70,000 feet by performing a ZOOM maneuver and launching an AA-2 Sidewinder type IR missile.

AIR ORDER OF BATTLE FOR SOUTH CHINA:

There are five airfields in this area pertinent to Mission C325C. They are Nanchang, Lei Yang, Hsingning, Canton, and Fu Chou. Mig-21's have been noted in photography [] as having been at Nanchang and Lei Yang. MIG-19's are located at Canton, Hsingning, and Fu Chou.

Based on the latest photography [] evidence, we estimate approximately 5 MIG-21's to be based at the airfields mentioned earlier. Of this number we estimate four MIG-21 to be on strip alert and within range of Mission C325C. If this assumption is correct, then the estimated risk of a successful MIG-21 intercept against the U-2 at 70,000 feet is less than 12%. This figure is correct only if the whole intercept system, including GCI, is perfect throughout the intercept attempt. Red Chinese fighters have penetrated international waters in the past and we must assume they will continue to intercept reconnaissance flights in the future.

A request for a SAM search thirty nautical miles either side of planned track has been levied on NPIC. The results were negative and copies of the request and results may be found elsewhere in this report.

REQUIREMENT: STATED IN COMOR 25/142 OF FEB 1965.

APPROVED BY USIB 3 MARCH 1965.

REQUIREMENT FOR IMMEDIATE COVERAGE OF

28 TARGETS IN SOUTH CHINA AND SUBSEQUENTLY

OBTAIN WEEKLY COVERAGE OF A REPRESENTATIVE

ONE QUARTER OF THESE TARGETS.

APPROVAL: 303 COMMITTEE APPROVED NRO FORECAST FOR

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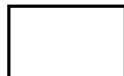
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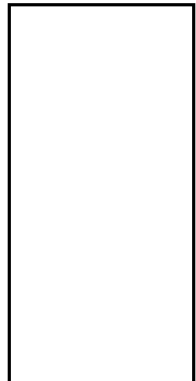
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C. NOTHING TO REPORT

D. SEARCH OF AVAILABLE PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE PERTINENT TO THE AREA 30 NM EITHER SIDE OF TRACK OF C325C REVEALED NO PREVIOUSLY EXISTING OR NEW SAM SITES IN THE AREA. THE AREA ALONG THE FOLLOWING POINT TO POINT REFERENCES HAS BEEN SEARCHED TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY FROM PHOTOGRAPHY AVAILABLE.

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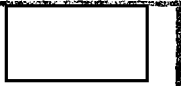
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AN OVERLAY DEPICTING PHOTOGRAPHY EXAMINED TO ANSWER THIS REQUEST IS BEING FORWARDED UNDER SEPARATE COVER.

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D. 26/0001Z TAKE-OFF. 26/0315Z LANDING.

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REQ C-130 FOR TAKE TRANSPORT TO DEPT

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APPROX 27/0315Z. DESTINATION DO NOT SEND C-130

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AT THIS TIME, CONFIRMATION WILL BE SENT NLT 26/1400Z. PILOT

TO REPORT TO FOR ANY FURTHER INST TO BE

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G. REMARKS: THIS MSN ALERTED FOR A POS FAST BREAKING WX SITUATION

ALONG THE CHINA MAINLAND COAST IN ADVANCE OF TYPHOON AMY. ROUTE

WILL BE SAME AS FOR C305C THAT WAS ALERTED BUT NOT FLOWN.

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